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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 14th meeting, on 2 November, the Fifth Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General concerning the five vacancies in the membership of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee (A/62/106);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General containing the names of seven persons nominated by their respective Governments for appointment to the Independent Audit Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2008 (A/C.5/62/9).

3. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appoint Vadim V. Dubinkin (Russian Federation), Vijayendra Nath Kaul (India), John Muwanga (Uganda) and Adrian Patrick Strachan (Jamaica) as members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2008 (see para. 8 below).

4. The Fifth Committee then proceeded to elect, by secret ballot, one person from among the three candidates nominated by the Group of Western European and Other States. The result of the voting was as follows:

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Number of ballots cast:	191
Invalid ballots:	4
Number of valid ballots:	187
Abstentions:	3
Number of members voting:	184
Required majority:	93
Number of votes obtained:	
David M. Walker (United States of America)	99
Rafael Muñoz (Spain)	59
Moreno Sella (Switzerland)	26

5. Having obtained the required majority, David M. Walker (United States of America) was recommended for appointment as a member of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2008 (see para. 8 below).

6. In accordance with paragraph 7 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 61/275, two of the initial five members of the Committee were selected by drawing of lots to serve for four years.

7. The result of the drawing of lots by the Chairman was such that Mr. Walker and Mr. Muwanga were selected to serve for a period of four years on the Independent Audit Advisory Committee (see para. 9 below).

Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly appoint the following persons as members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2008:

Vadim V. Dubinkin (Russian Federation)
Vijayendra Nath Kaul (India)
Adrian Patrick Strachan (Jamaica)

9. The Fifth Committee also recommends, in accordance with paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 61/275 of 29 June 2007, that the General Assembly appoint the following persons as members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2008:

John Muwanga (Uganda)
David M. Walker (United States of America)